

## Muscoy MAC Meeting

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 18, 2005**

#### **Council Members Present**

Larry Claunch

Kay Sanders

Jerry Smith

Lea Tinker

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Minutes:**

Motion to accept Minutes of the last meeting as written. Motion was seconded; all were in favor.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

##### Field Representative – Frances Vasquez

Ms. Vasquez introduced herself as the new field representative to the Muscoy community. She reported the statistics from the September 24<sup>th</sup> Muscoy Cleanup event

1. 122 tons of trash collected
2. 8 tons of tires collected
3. 6 tons of metal collected

Ms. Vasquez noted that the previous Minutes inquired as to funds generated by recycled materials. She agreed to research the matter and report at the following MAC meeting.

Ms. Vasquez also displayed a large up-to-date map of the Muscoy Community Plan. It showed the zoned parcels throughout the Muscoy area. She brought color copies of the *Muscoy Community Plan* for MAC members and attendees. She also brought color copies of the Proposed Muscoy Community Plan for each of the MAC members.

Ms. Vasquez reported that the County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is still under development, and is expected to rollout in early November. More information regarding the CERT program should be available by the November 15TH MAC meeting.

Ms. Vasquez announced several upcoming events occurring throughout the area:

1. Health Fair by the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice on Saturday, October 22 (all day) at the Carousel Mall
2. Free Mammogram screenings, La Salle Medical Clinic on Mt. Vernon Ave.
3. C.I.D. Harvest Fair will take place November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 5PM each day. The festivities will take place at the C.I.D. building located at 8088 Palm Lane, San Bernardino. There will be live music, crafts, a chili cook-off, car show and more.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### A. Sheriff's Department – Kathy Gray and Sgt. Shawn Henry

Sgt. Henry and COP Volunteer Richard Steppins presented on the Sheriff's volunteer patrol program. The program gives citizens the opportunity to serve on citizen patrol throughout the County. All volunteers receive drivers training and radio procedure. Volunteers are mandated to serve a minimum of 8 hours per month with shifts typically lasting 4 hours. The program is an opportunity for citizens to participate in community safety with the assistance of the Sheriff's Department. For information please contact Sheriff's Department (909) 387-3521.

**B. County Department of Public Works – John Latsko**

Mr. Latsko gave an update as to the work being done in the Muscoy area. Current roadwork includes routine maintenance and repair. As the winter season approaches Mr. Latsko reported that Public Works plans to scale back some projects. He also reported that Public Works is responsible for animal removal from roads and highways. For further questions contact Mr. Latsko at Public Works (909) 387-8073.

**Member Reports**

**Chairman Larry Claunch**

Chairman Claunch suggested that he is working with the County to obtain information from the City of San Bernardino regarding the drainage plans for the new 500-house development in the north region of Muscoy. He recommended that the developers provide a park as the kids are playing on the streets and there is vacant land available for a park

**Councilmember Jerry Smith**

Councilmember Smith suggested that any new developments in the Muscoy area should include plans for a public park. Currently there is limited recreational area for families and children to play.

**Public Comments**

Rev. Gloria Dickey clarified information regarding parks. She stated that the consensus of discussions during the 10-year planning process was to not build parks because of the upkeep and maintenance costs involved, and that Supervisor Gonzales tried to include language that would include park space per footage in the housing developments. Kids need a place for play!

Randy expressed concerns regarding the under ground pipeline. He stated that standards need to be set up and that developers need to put up bonds to pay for infrastructure. Developers are coming in no matter what. The pipeline is a potential disaster in our back yards, especially with train tracks on both sides...

Discussion was held regarding rail safety.... Concerns were expressed regarding how fast the trains come down on the tracks... It was asked as to why the trains do not identify when they're carrying hazardous materials?... Need an over/under pass... Inquiries were made as to whom do they complain to?....

Ms. Vasquez replied that the Federal Government has major oversight over the railroads, however, the Public Utilities Commission has State jurisdiction because they are a diesel-powered vehicle. People can file a complaint online on the CPUC website. Also, the PUC was holding a Rail Safety Forum in the City of Montebello on Wednesday, October 19. The public is invited to make public comments and ask questions.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2005 meeting at 7:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

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